

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 2:21-CR-141 JCM (VCF)

Plaintiff(s),

ORDER

v.

JUAN MANUEL GALINDO-MURRILLO,

Defendant(s).

Presently before the court is defendant Juan Manuel Galindo-Murrillo's ("Galindo-Murrillo") pro se motion for return of property. (ECF No. 44).

On May 5, 2021, the United States of America ("the government") filed a criminal complaint against Galindo-Murrillo. (ECF No. 1). Two days later, the court appointed the federal public defender for the District of Nevada as Galindo-Murrillo's counsel. (ECF No. 8). By May 27, 2021, attorney John Million Turco ("Turco") filed a notice of attorney appearance and designation of retained counsel for Galindo-Murrillo. (ECF Nos. 19; 20). Turco represented Galindo-Murrillo through sentencing and remains his designated counsel. (*See* ECF No. 41).

Pursuant to local rule IA 11-6(a):

Unless the court orders otherwise, a party who has appeared by attorney cannot while so represented appear or act in the case. This means that once an attorney makes an appearance on behalf of a party, that party may not personally file a document with the court; all filings must thereafter be made by the attorney.

Further, local rule IA-6(b) provides that "[i]f an attorney seeks to withdraw after appearing in a case, the attorney must file a motion or stipulation and serve it on the affected client and opposing counsel." Finally, local rule IC 7-1 provides that "[t]he court may strike documents that do not comply with these rules."

1 Here, Galindo-Murrillo's motion is improperly filed as a pro se motion without the
2 signature of his attorney. (*See* ECF No. 44 at 1, 8). Therefore, the court STRIKES it from the
3 record. If Galindo-Murrillo seeks to move this court for further action in this matter, he must do
4 so through his attorney or after his attorney withdraws.

5 Accordingly,

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Galindo-Murrillo's
7 motion for return of property (ECF No. 44) be, and the same hereby is, STRICKEN and held for
8 naught.

9 DATED August 3, 2022.

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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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